[Mr. M. K. Nilakantan]

(e) what is the percentage of shortage allowed to the Proverthicars and Accountants when they purchase paddy in each taluk;

(f) whether some of them have claimed very high percentage of shortage; and

(g) whether such shortage is allowed to the wholesale merchants when they were empowered to purchase paddy?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : *(a)* Yes (in respect of foodgrains.)

(b) No percentage has been fixed so far in respect of imported foodgrains.

(c) No.

(d) No. Certain applications for allowing shortage have been received and are under consideration.

(e) Shortage (due to dryage) varying from 1/2 to 2 per cent. is ordinarily allowed with due regard to the variety of paddy purchased and stored, the time of purchase, period of shortage, etc. Dryage above 2 per cent. will be allowed only for special reasons and on specific recommendations.

(f) No.

(g) No.

Theft cases.

5. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of theft cases registered during the previous three years and in how many cases the stolen property has been recovered and thieves identified?

MR. S. PARTHASARTHY AIYANGAR :

Year.	*No. of cases registered.*		*Cases in which property recovered and thieves identified..*
1118	1497	...	1152
1119	1217	...	672
1120	1033	...	717
1121 up to 11/21	1039	...	641

Revenue from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli.

6. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of revenue they derive from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli taluk?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Separate figures are not available regarding the revenue realised from the mineral sands of the Karunagapalli taluk. The total revenue realised from mineral sands in the State during 1120 was Rs. 4,39,166 and the estimated revenue for 1121 is Rs. 6 lakhs.

Head Clerks in the Registration Department.

7. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the years of service put in on an average by those who have been promoted and appointed in the place of those reverted Head clerks; and

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